

CLEAN-UP SALE AT J. V. BERSCHT'S

We have decided to give the public another opportunity to get goods at AUCTION PRICES on
Monday, Feb. 20th
at 2 o'clock, and evening at 7.30.

WE HAVE FINISHED TAKING STOCK AND FIND IT STILL TOO LARGE

The lines we will put on sale consist of the following goods: Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats and Trousers, Sheep Lined Coats, Overcoats with Fur Collars, Mackinaw Jackets, Fur Overcoats, Smoking Jackets, Odd Vests, Sweaters, Working Shirts, Toggles, Wool and Fleeced Underwear, 20 doz. Gray Socks, Men's Suspenders, Mitts, Gloves, Cashmere Socks, Wool and Silk Mufflers, Felt Slippers, Wool Mitts and Gloves, Felt Shoes with Felt Soles and Heels.

10 Doz. Men's fine Negligee Shirts will be offered in the evening.

This will be our LAST sale for this season at which we offer you goods at your own price—they are going regardless of cost.

We invite you to attend.

C. B. SEXSMITH
Auctioneer.

J. V. BERSCHT,
Proprietor.

Great Shoe Sale at Bill Bailey's

I will sell shoes, leather and rubber, everything from Misses' to Men's, in all kinds and styles, also Mitts and Gloves

These will go at half prices such as

\$5.00 shoes for \$2.50	
4.00 " " 2.00	
3.00 " " 1.50	
2.00 " " 1.00	
1.00 " " .50	
75c " " .40	

Now these goods are all perfectly new. No old stock and no remarking.

These prices are for cash or produce at cash prices

I have seven pound boxes of raisins which I will sell at 50c per box

Don't forget
BILL BAILEY
Has the goods

AROUND THE TOWN

W. Rubra of Carstairs was a visitor in town on Monday.

Miss Ora Brown of Toronto is visiting her sister Mrs. J. Lang.

Isaac Groff of Waterloo, Ont., is visiting friends in Didsbury for a few days.

J. M. Reed paid a business visit to Lacombe on Monday, returning on Tuesday.

C. R. Richart who conducted a barber shop in Carstairs for some time has opened up in the Alexandra hotel, Didsbury.

J. M. Reed, the local agent for the Occidental Fire Insurance Co. has received word that the insurance on the Methodist church, which was burned down recently, will be paid in full.

Mr. J. B. Detwiler left on Monday to spend a few days at Regina and from there will attend the S. S. Convention at Austin, Man., after which he will visit in Winnipeg for a few days.

Rev. W. E. Christmas, divine healer of Oxbow, Sask., will be a visitor at Wm Rupp's over Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 18th and 19th. If any person wishes to see him he invites them to call on him.

Mr and Mrs. G. B. Wiltse of Lone Pine left on Tuesday for a visit to California. Mr. Wiltse has been in ill health for some time and the trip is being taken for his benefit. His many friends in this district will hope for his speedy recovery.

A dance and baby show will be held in the Fallen Timber School house on Friday, Feb. 17th. The proceeds will go towards buying a new organ for the school. The baby show promises to be pretty good; they say that Fallen Timber babies are hard to beat.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Sykes, who live on the Moyle farm, received word this week that their daughter Grace (Mrs. S. McGrath) of Rosebank, Man., was very ill. Mr. Sykes left on Tuesday to visit her. The last telegram received stated that she was a little better. Mr. and Mrs. McGrath were residents of Didsbury for some years.

Two interesting hockey games will be played next week, one between Bankers and 1 Clerks vs. single men on Tuesday afternoon at 3.30 the other on Friday afternoon between married men and winners of Tuesday's game. This is for the Berscht trophy which is now held by the single men.

The Editor of The Pioneer had the pleasure of an automobile ride in Mr. Johnathan Good's new car which he has just purchased from Gaddes & Findlay. The car is a McLaughlin two passenger-fourteen horse power and besides being a very attractive appearing car is made to stand the rough prairie roads, being built compact, and weighing 1000 pounds. Mr. Good says he had a splendid opportunity to test it on the drive home from Calgary where it came through as much as two feet of snow in places, doing very excellent work.

SPRING IS COMING and we would like to draw your attention to the different articles that you may be in need of:

**Nails, Rope, Fence
Wire of different
kinds, Lumber, Ce-
ment Building Paper**

and last but not least a **FIRST CLASS McCORMICK GRAIN DRILL, LAND PACKER, or maybe a GAS-OLINE PLOWING OUTFIT.**

Yours truly,

C. HIEBERT & CO.

STOCK-TAKING

Watch for ad.
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Ask for

SANITOL

TOOTH AND TOILET
PREPARATIONS

fifteen in the family,
all good



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Capital, Res and Undivided Profits
\$6,600,000
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Spend the Balance

Don't spend all you like and save the balance if there is any. Save what you know you should then spend the rest.

The difference, in a few years, will be the difference between poverty and independence.

Open a Savings Account now, in this bank. It will make the saving easier.

DIDSBURY BRANCH:

F. N. Ballard, Manager

CARSTAIRS BRANCH:

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PORK

Fresh Meats

Chops, Veal Cutlets, Mutton, Pork, Steaks, Fresh Sausage

Orders delivered to any part of town

We buy HOGS and POULTRY live or dressed at any time, delivered when ordered.

HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR BEEF HIDES

Didsbury Meat Market

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THAT NEW HOUSE

You intend building will be all right if it started right. First lay a good foundation and then

BUY YOUR LUMBER OF US

You needn't be an expert to see the difference in lumber. A walk through our yard convinces anyone the lumber is superior. It's not only good, but the best. Our lumber and prices get us the business.

D.S. SHANTZ & CO

CONSUMPTIVE DRILLS

LIGHT IN DRAFT—SEED ACCURATELY.

Knew From Experience
 Wife—"O, George, the water pipe is leaking and the water is spoiling the new carpet. Go and get a plumber, quick."
 Husband—"That's all right; my dear, let it leak; it's cheaper to get a new carpet."

ASK YOURSELF THESE QUESTIONS
 And find out if you have kidney disease. Also make this test.

Have you pains in the back over the kidneys?
 Have you urinary disorders?
 Do you suffer from severe headaches, dizziness or defective eyesight?
 Is the skin dry and harsh?
 Are you failing in health and strength and suffering from rheumatic pains or swelling of the limbs?
 These are a few of the symptoms of kidney disease, and here is the test.

If the urine, after standing for twenty-four hours, is cloudy, milky or has particles floating about in it, or if there is a sediment in the bottom of the vessel, your kidneys are diseased.

There is no time to lose in beginning the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills. Delay means the development of Bright's Disease, and you do not want to take any chances with that. Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills will help you more quickly than any treatment you can obtain and that is one reason why they are so successful and popular.

Mr. W. H. Mosher, South Augusta, Grayville county, Ohio, writes: "I used Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills and firmly believe there is no medicine to equal them. I was troubled for years with kidney disease, and this treatment has cured me. When I began the use of these pills I could only walk from my bed to a chair. Now I can go to the field and work like any other man. Dr. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills are an excellent medicine. This statement is certified for by the Rev. H. Emmett, Baptist minister, of Brockville, Ont.

Dr. A. W. Chase's Kidney and Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmonson, Bates and Co., Toronto. The portrait and signature of A. W. Chase, M. D., the famous Renal Book author, are on every box. These are your protection against imitations and substitutes.

Sandy McPherson, in a moment of abstraction, put half a crown in the collection plate last Sunday in mistake for a penny, and has since expended a deal of thought as to the best way of making up for it. "Now, I might stay away from the kirk till the sun was made up; but, 'No, 'other han' I wad be payin' 'em the time o' gettin' me and a' Losh! But I'm thinkin' this is what the minister calls a 'religious difficulty'."

Soft corners are difficult to eradicate, but Holloway's Corn Cure will draw them out painlessly.

"Fine old inn, sir," commented the host. "Everything in this house has its story."

"I don't doubt it," remarked the grumpy tourist. "I heard the legendary connected with this old piece of cheese."—Kansas City Journal.

PILLS CURED IN 6 TO 14 DAYS
 Your druggist will refund money if PAXO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of Itching, Biting, Biting or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. See

"Your friend is rather indelicate," remarked Mrs. Wombat. "Says he gave her husband some panatellas for Christmas."
 "What's wrong with that?"
 "I wouldn't think of mentioning sleeping-garments in public."

The Nova Scotia "Lumber King" says:

"I consider MINARD'S LINIMENT the BEST Liniment in use. I got my feet badly jammed lately. I treated it with MINARD'S LINIMENT and it was as well as ever next day. Yours very truly,
 T. G. McMULLEN

There is an American statesman who is very prudent with his money. He rarely spends anything if he can get some one else to do the spending for him.

One morning he was walking down the street with a friend, and they met a beggar who had a tale of woe that was amazing. The statesman listened and asked some questions. Then he turned to his friend and said: "Behold, this man's story affects me greatly. Give him a dollar."

The Friend of All Sufferers. Like the shadow of a rock in a weary land is Dr. Thomas' Elixer, well known to all those who suffer from pain. It holds out hope to everyone and realizes it by stilling suffering everywhere. It is a liniment that has the blessing of a half a continent. It is on sale everywhere and can be found wherever comforted for.

"You'll have to hurry up that battleship," said the big manufacturer. "Is there going to be a war?"
 "No, but it's only business etiquette to deliver it before this year's model goes out of style."

The Flight of Time
 "It's three months since I saw you last."
 The one who met her plainly states. Says she: "Can that be possible? It's awful how times aviate."

GOOD HEALTH FOR RUN DOWN MEN

If You Are Weak and Easily Tired Try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills

Anemia is a state into which one falls because of lack of blood, or because the blood is poor, weak and watery. The man or woman who has not enough blood is pale, languid, easily tired and easily depressed. As the trouble progresses other symptoms show themselves, and the life of the sufferer is one of misery. Anemia opens the door to consumption, and gives victims to all the epidemic maladies, because the whole body is weakened and unable to resist the intrusions of disease. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are the best remedy in the world for the cure of anemia, and all its attendant miseries. They make the blood rich, red and pure, thus bringing health and strength to weak, dependent men and women. We do not know of a single case of anemia where Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have failed to cure if given a fair trial. Mr. John Hastings, Venn, Sask., was a victim of this trouble and found new health through Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He says: "I was working on a railway driving a team and found myself gradually running down. I did not pay much attention to it at first, but soon I began to lose my appetite and it was a trial to get through my day's work. I got medicine from the doctor on the works, but it did not help. He told me not to lose hope, that he would get some medicine that would soon make me all right. That night he went to town and brought me three boxes of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I had not taken more than two boxes when I began to feel better, and after a while taking them I gained 22 pounds. I cannot say too much in favor of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and strongly recommended them to all run-down men."

You can get these Pills through any medicine dealer or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for \$2.50 from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

There are only eleven "Serious" cures of which the return has been observed.

Dangerous
 She—"What if I have loved another, dear? Don't you know it has only prepared me for the greater, higher love I have for you?"
 He—"That's all right; but how do I know that the love you have for me isn't preparing you for a greater, higher love for someone else?"

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional treatment. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When the tube is inflamed, it swells and closes, so that the air cannot reach the eardrum. As the condition continues, the eardrum becomes thickened and the hearing is lost. It is not until the tube is restored to its normal condition, that the hearing can be restored. This is the only way to cure deafness, and it is the only way to cure deafness. We will cure you of deafness by natural means, but as it is a constitutional disease, it cannot be cured by local applications. Send for circular, free.

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Where He Made It

"Hullo, Binks," said Wobbles. "I hear you've been in the chicken business."

"Yeh," said Binks.

"Made anything out of it?" asked Wobbles.

"Yeh," said Binks. "Ten thousand dollars."

"Ten thousand dollars in the chicken business?" demanded Wobbles.

"Nope, out of it," said Binks.

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These Brothers

Young Man—"So Miss Ethel is your oldest sister. Who comes after her?"

Small Brother—"Nobody, ain't come yet; but pa says the first fellow that comes can have her."

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A full line of **Massey-Harris Machinery** coming direct from the factory, including
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In 1910 we turned a quarter of a million dollars worth of property, consequently we have a long list of satisfied buyers. They are making inquiries for their friends who will be coming in the spring and summer. Let us have your listings. Costs you nothing; does not exclude you from listing with other agents.

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Interfering and forging etc., treated on scientific principles. Fancy horse shoeing is our special pride.

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Farm Values and Wages in Canada

Ottawa, February 6.—The Census Monthly for January says that values and wages in Canada make a good record for 1910. The total value of live stock on the farm is \$593,768,000, which is \$34,979,000 more than in 1909. The price per head of horses is \$132.50 as against \$130.72 in 1909, of which cows \$42.60 against \$36.36, of other cattle \$30.90 against \$28.81, and of sheep \$6.00 against \$5.80. Some alone show a drop in average price, being \$11.20 per head against \$11.80. The total value of horses is \$203,398,000 for last year against \$278,790,000 for 1909, of which cows \$121,613,000 against \$103,601,000, of other cattle \$131,781,000 against \$126,326,000 and of sheep \$15,810,000 against \$15,735,000. The value of swine however fell from \$34,668,000 in 1909 to \$31,157,000 in 1910.

The highest average price of horses was in Saskatchewan, of milk cows, other horned cattle and sheep in Ontario, and of swine in Quebec. Horses, 3 year old and over reached the highest price in British Columbia where the average was \$225. Swine, per 100 lbs. live weight ranged from \$6.50 in Manitoba to \$9.62 in Quebec. The price of unwashed wool was 18 cents in 1910 and 17 cents in 1909, and of washed wool 24 cents for each year.

The average value of occupied farm land in the Dominion was \$38.45 per acre of 15 cents less than for the previous year. It was the highest in British Columbia, where the cost of clearing is heavy and the land is largely occupied for fruit growing, the average being \$74 per acre of 50 cents more than in the previous year. Ontario comes next with \$48 per acre, which is \$2.22 less than in 1909.

Farm help for the summer season shows an average of \$35.15 per month for males and \$20.70 for females, counting board, as compared with \$33.60 and \$19.03 respectively in the two years before. Males have an average of \$44.70 and females \$29.60 per year counting board, as against \$33.20 and \$20.08 respectively for 1909. The highest price per month in summer are paid in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, where they are \$40 and over for males and \$25 and over for females, counting board. The average rate of board per month ranges from \$8 for males and \$6 for females in France, Edward Island to \$20 and \$17 respectively per month in British Columbia. The rates and wages and board are quoted for the farm, where males are employed on the land and females in the house. They are averages computed from a large number of returns by farmers to the Census Office.

Didsbury School

REPORT FOR JANUARY

No. teaching days school was open during month, 21.

	Aggr. cat.	Avg. age	Percent
Room 1	81	27.6	70.7
Room 2	66	21.3	71.2
Room 3	46.5	20.78	76.99
Upper School	57	46.87	85.53

Standard IV. Ruby Weber, Goldwin Langer, Wayne Mowers, Carl Swartz, Walter, Cecil James, Anna Mueller, Emma Rupp, Mary Osmond, Phoebe Day, Adolph Mueller, Esther Schulte, Unclassified. Five Mergers, David Ruby.

Standard III. Elwyn Houston, Hazel Bates, Cliff Hamilton, Donald Martin, Ed Weber, Walter Gritz, Vera Wood, Gladys Gritz, Mary Dick, Unclassified. Ethel Greenwood, Peter Dick.

First II. Mamie Studer, (Earl Conrad Lily Murray) equal, Willie Gartner, Florence Morrison.

Standard II. Edgar Hembling, Lela Wells, Ethel Ruffler, Ivan Islay, Agnes Islay, George Guppi, Ada Johnson.

Inter. Pt. I. Vera Sexsmith, Glen Johnson, Pearl Ruby, Bruce Paton, Earl Ruby, Ethel Mortimer, Walter Bates, Orel Paton, Ross Rupp.

Pt. II. Marjorie Bricker, Ernest Clark.

Seal of Alberta and Economy Flour

USE IT ONCE AND
YOU WILL USE NO OTHER

Sold by

O. W. HEMBLING

The Implement Man.

AUCTION SALES

to be conducted by

G. B. Sexsmith, Auctioneer

Elas Mack, 5 miles northeast of Didsbury, on March 2nd.

Malcolm McLean, 13 miles east of Didsbury, 3 miles east of Wapaloo, on Feb. 22nd.

Haag Bros., about six miles straight east of Didsbury, on March 14th.

C. W. & B. L. LaRoy, Sec. 12, T. 31, R. 24, W. 4, 7 miles east, 2 miles south of Three Hills P. O., unchaffed, north of Koyon P. O., on March 28th. Sale at 11 o'clock.

Graves & Henderson, on March 1st, 7 miles east, 1 mile north of Didsbury.

P. F. Johnson, on Feb. 28th, 4 miles east of Didsbury.

Russell Bros., Ward White farm, 2 miles south and 7 miles west of Didsbury, on Friday, Feb. 24.

Mrs. M. L. West, 2 miles north and 2 miles west of Didsbury, on Feb. 23, 1911. Sale commences at 1 o'clock.

S. E. and C. W. Franklin, 13 miles west of Carleton and 2 miles north and 1 mile west of Carleton, Friday, March 3, 1911. Sale at 11 o'clock.

Cattle Brands

All persons retaining cattle branded flag 3 quarter circle under on left ribs, and cattle branded 3 anchor, quarter circle over on right ribs, and cattle on checks, are requested to notify Charles Brown, Western P. O., and receive further notice.

Cattle branded 41 C, quarter circle on left ribs, and 1 C, quarter circle on left ribs, belong to J. Cooper, Didsbury.

Cattle branded MP on right hip, and VC on right ribs, right ear split, are the property of D. L. Mills, Hintonville, Alberta.

Any person having cattle branded 41 C, left hip, notify B. C. Oldham, Wapaloo.

ESTRAY—One red 1 year old steer come to my place about 1st of August, branded on right hip AL, reversed half diamond over, right ribs 77, left hip L, left ribs LV with U over. My place is N. W. 1/4 sec. 24, T. 31, R. 1, W. of the 5th. Owner can have same by paying expenses. S. S. Day, Didsbury, Alta.

ESTRAY—Yearling heifer, red and white spotted, been at my place about two months. Owner can have same by paying costs. Henry Bruch, Didsbury.

ESTRAY—A red yearling heifer, branded 2 X, half diamond over. Please inform R. T. Hendry, Westerdale P. O., Alta. Feb. 15.

Beatrice Murray, Lucille Walters, Clinton Gaddis, Guy Muir, Vernon Zimmerman, Jr., H. E. Osmond, H. Rube, J. Hallman, M. Atkins, A. Doyle, L. Beane, G. Mowers, S. Spillard, V. Weigand, O. Rupp, L. Muehler, E. Mathews, L. Wells, J. R. Ricker, M. Chambers.

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"That was what I may call the first act in the drama," Verner went on. "Six months had elapsed, and Van Fort's widow was beginning to forget all about the startling incident, when, one night, just at the same time, and in just the same circumstances, came that wild, pitiful yell for assistance outside the Dutchman's farm. He had that head and tenor for the woman sat there listening. She did not dare to go outside now; she knew how futile such an act would be. Also, she knew quite well what was going to happen in the morning. She sat up half the night in a state bordering on madness. I need not insult your intelligence, my dear fellow by asking you to guess what she found on the doorstep in the daylight."

"Of course, I can guess," Gurdin said. "Beyond all question, it was the third finger of the Dutchman's hand."

"Quite so," Verner resumed. "I need not over elaborate my story or bore you by telling how, six months later, the second finger of the hand appeared in the same sensational circumstances, and how, at the end of a year, the four fingers were complete. Let me once more impress upon you the amazing fact that the end of the fourth finger was the last night in which I called the Four Finger Mine for more than a century before these strange things happened."

"It is certainly an extraordinary thing," Gurdin muttered. "I don't think I ever listened to a weirder tale. And did the Dutch woman confess to her crime? This strikes me as being a fitting end to the story. I suppose it came from her lips."

"She didn't confess, for the simple reason that she had no mind to confess," Verner explained. "Of course, certain neighbors knew something of what was going on, but they never knew the whole truth, because, after the appearance of the last finger, Mrs. Van Fort went stark raving mad. She lived for three days, and at the end of that time her body was found in a water-filled cove by her house. That is the story of the Four Finger Mine so far as it goes, though I should not be surprised if we were to get the last chapter of the story in an observant man—did you notice anything peculiar in Fenwick's appearance tonight?"

Gurdin shook his head slowly. It was quite evident that he had not noticed anything peculiar in the appearance of the millionaire. Verner proceeded to explain.

"Let me tell you this," Verner said. "When I married my wife we were within an easy ride of the locality where the Four Finger Mine is situated. Mind you, our marriage was secret one, and I presume that Fenwick is still in ignorance of it, though, of course, he was fully aware of the fact that I had more than a passing admiration for Vera. I merely mention this by way of background, the little point that I am going to make. It is more than probable that, when I stumpled upon Fenwick and the girl who passes for his daughter, he also was in search of the Four Finger Mine. When he saw the daughter, of course, recognized me, though I treated him as an absolute stranger, whom I had not seen for years. You will see presently why I treated him in this fashion. I am glad I spoke to him, because I noticed a slight thing that throws a glod of light upon the mystery. Now, did I escape your observation, or did you notice that Fenwick took the box I gave him in his right hand?"

"Oh, dear, no," Gurdin said. "A little thing like that would be almost too trivial for the trained detective of the chop shop."

"All the same, it is very important," Verner said. "He took the box in his right hand; he made as if to extend his left hand, and suddenly changed his mind, and put it in his pocket. But he was too late to tell me. I had seen Fenwick's left hand was as fast as yours or mine. The inference of this is, that Fenwick has fallen under the ban of the same strange vengeance that overtook Van Fort and his wife. There is not the slightest doubt that he discovered the mine, and that he has not yet paid the penalty of his transgression."

"I presume the penalty is coming," Gurdin said. "What a creepy sort of idea it is, that terrible vengeance reaching across a continent in such a sinister fashion. But don't forget

that we know something as to the way in which this thing is to be brought about. Don't forget the cripple who sat at yonder table tonight."

"I am not likely to forget him," Verner observed. "All the more because he evidently knows more about this matter than we do ourselves. When he came here tonight, he little dreamt that there was one man in the room, at least, who had a fairly good knowledge of the Four Finger Mystery. We shall have to look him out, and, if necessary, force him to speak. But it is a delicate matter, and as far as I can see, one not unattended with danger."

Gurdin smoked in thoughtful silence for some little time, turning the strange thing over in his mind. The more he dwelt upon it, the morbid and dramatic did it seem.

"There is one thing in our favor," he said, presently. "The mysterious cripple with the handsome face is evidently a deadly enemy of Fenwick's. We shall doubtless find him ready to accept this offer, provided we put it in the right way."

"I am sure of that," Verner replied. "At any rate, we can make no move in that direction without thinking the thing out carefully and thoroughly. Our crippled friend is evidently a fanatic in his way, and he is not alone in his scheme. Don't forget that we have also the little man who played the part of the waiter to deal with. I am sorry I did not notice him. A man who could carry off a thing like that with such splendid audacity is certainly a force to be reckoned with."

Gurdin rose from his seat with a yawn, and intimated the fact that it was time to go to bed. It was long past twelve now; the hotel was gradually retiring to rest. The Grand Empire was not the place for the enter to the frivolous type of guest, and usually within an hour of the closing of the theatres the entire vast building was wrapped in silence.

"I think I will get off now," Gurdin said. "Come and lunch with me to-morrow, and then you can tell me more of your own romance."

"What sort of a night is it?" he asked. "Very bad, sir," the waiter replied. "The pouring torrents. Shall I call a cab?"

(To be continued.)

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